ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1870

Gen. Sheridan has written a letter making statement of the horrid brutalities and atrosities committed by the Piegan Indians upon the white settlers in Montana, which induced the recent raid made upon the tribe by Col. Baker's cavalry, of which an account was re cently published by Mr. Vincent Collyer. Gen. Sheridan says that nothing but a swift and se. vere punishment can protect the frontiers and people of Montana contend that Col. Baker did right.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are known as Ember days, which also follow the feast of Whit Sunday, after the 14th of September, and after the 13th of December. The weeks in which these days fall are called Ember weeks. The name is probably of Anglo Saxon derivation, meaning the circular days, and in the canons they are termed the four cardinal seasons. Many persons, however, suppose the name to be taken from the aucient custom of using ashes or embers in connection with fasting. In the Episcopal and Catholic

At Philadelphia on Friday, Samuel S. Hawley, one of the most expert and notorious forgers in the U. S. was convicted of receiving money under false pretences, etc. Hawley is the person who wrote letters to gentlemen residing in different sections of the country, proposing marriage, and in other cases appealing for aid as a young and unfortunate girl, set of men than the present incumbents. and again attempting to levy blackmail on fic titious charges. Several of his letters were tances from London.

Owing to the large number of National banks which have, within the past few months, been | ed to be shot. discontinued voluntarily or otherwise, as designated depositaries of public funds and financial agents of the Gouernment, the books of the and how a committee of the Legislature pre-Treasurer's office now show a very material re- pose to "cheek the extravagances and irreguduction in the amount deposited in his hands by larities that have in too many instances been or six inches and still falling -prospect from such banks as their security for public deposits. One year ago that amount was thirty three and a half millions, while at the present time it is between seventeen and eighteen millions.

It is said that the proposition to effect a "consolidation" of the two wings of the Radical party in Virginia, is likely to fail, as it has not been responded to, as yet, by either the Gilmer or Wickham committees. Porter claims that his wing represents ninety nine hundredths of the "Republicans" of the State. If Porter's consolidation were to be adopted, it would make a conservative "consolidation" which would give even a larger majority than Gov. Walker obtained.

There is misapprehension asto the effect of the bill for removing disabilities, reported to the Senate last Friday. That bill only provided that the act of July 2, 1862, prescribing oath | der of Mrs. Basset Rawlings, in Brunswick, of office and all parts of other acts requiring the wking or administration of the oath in the night of court day, while her husband was abfirst-mentioned act be repealed. The genera bill for removing all political disabilities is under consideration in committee, and there is scarcely a doubt of its passage.

The opinion of the various chairmen of the leading committees in both the Senate and House, is in accordance with the judgment of persons who are conversant with the business on hand and prospective, namely-that Congress cannot adjourn much before the first day of August.

An effort will be made in Congress to strike out that section of the Funding till which appropriates twelve millions of dollars for the onversion of the debt. It is the opinion of

since the Schmidt sailed from Bremen. The unxiety of those who have friends on board these ships, is fast sinking into despair.

Recent accounts received at Washington are not favorable to the Cuban cause. It is believed that the report of the resignation of Gen. Jordan as commander of the Cuban forces is correct.

Gen. Butler, it is said, rather "claws off" from his recent attack upon the Washington says he meant only some of them.

The near approach of gold to par occasions a disinclination on the part of members of the Gold Room in N. York to pay their dues. Several expulsions from the Room are talked of.

We are indebted to Senator Johnston of this State for printed speeches of members of Congress; also to Mr. McKenzie for speeches of various members.

"THE FIRST OF THE SEASON. - On Wednesday last a colored man came into our office, bearing a convered salver, which we supposed to con tain "Coffee and Pistols for two," and presen ted a note to the Editor. Wondering, as we involuntarily looked at the bottom of the note NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the Times

In a letter received, from Salt Lake City the writer declares that the newspaper paragraphs indicating serious alarm on the part of the Mormons relative to the proposed law of Congress to prohibit polygamy are not true. Brigham Young and his leading apostles, bishops, etc., are exercised as to the future of their institution, but the masses of the Mormons are scarcely aware of the threatened danger. Brigham Young professes to feel that the bill will fail. He argues that Congress has no authority to enact such a law.

The Pottsville Miner's Journal of Friday says :- "We learn that the suspension among the miners is not general in all the regions. -Work is partially going on in Columbia and Lehigh counties, and with the companies above. We are assured by the leaders in the movement here on the part of the miners, that the object of suspension is not to put up the est, which legalizes contracts in accordance price of coal, but simply to establish an equitable basis for 1870, upon which to commerce; work this spring.

The rear building of the New York State Inebriate Asylum at Binghampton, caught fire on Friday night and was entirely destroyed. The burned part included the dining room, kitchen, laundry, and fifteen or twenty patients' rooms, and the gymnasium. The loss will be make life in those sections secure. The white very heavy. It is estimated at \$75,000. Instanding, and the patients provided for. The management will continue operations.

In the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, in session at Frederick, on Saturday, it was announced that the majority for Lay Delegation was 946. The committee's report upon the statement regarding the Book Concero investigation, made by Dr. Lanahan, exoperated that gentleman from any blame in the matter, and resolutions of sympathy with

him were adopted and his character passed. Alexander Keno, sentenced for twenty years to the State Prison, in New York, for outraging a child, has received a pardon from Governor Hoffman, through the exertions of the churches services will be held each day this Russian Minister, on condition that he leaves the country at ones. His father is, it seems, an officer in the Russian army, and a member of the personal Staff of the Czar.

In view of the rapidly increasing importance of our commercial interests in the countries bordering upon or adjacent to the Mediteranean and Red Seas, the President, upon the advice of Secretary Fish, has determined to revolutionize our Consul system in these regions and fill the positions with a better qualified

The insurgents in the Canadian Red River country have asserted their power by attacksent to England, and he received many remit- ing and driving off a force of English and halfbreeds that had been mustered to drive them from Fort Garry. The leaders of the attacking party were captured, and one of them condemn-

> A long statement concerning the expenditures of the several counties of Maryland,

The New York World publishes an absurd story from its Paris correspondent, to the effect for the wheat, but bad, at present, for the remonstrating against the Papal Syllabus, as that the Emperor Napoleon died under the knile of his physician in September last, and that another individual, bearing a striking resemblance to him, has been "appearing for him" on public occasions. All stuff.

The police in Havana, arrested on Saturaday night, fifty one members of the Masonic frater nity who were holding mourning services at their lodge. The arrests were made for violation of the law prohibiting assemblies without permission of the authorities. Several foreigners present were not molested.

Governor Steven-on, of Kentucky, reluser to accept the resignation of Mr. Golladay, member of Congress from that State, who is charged with the sale cadetships.

MURDERERS LYNCHED IN BRUNSWICK. - Our readers doubtless remember the fiendish murduring the latter part of January. On the sent, she was shot through the window of her chamber, while nursing her infant, and instantly killed. A black woman had recently been discharged from the employment of the family, and suspicion fastened upon her husband as the perpetrator of the terrible crime, though the murderer had made his escape unseen. Such cold blooded murder of a lady so well

known and highly respected, naturally caused much feeling in the county, and every effort was made to arrest the guilty parties. Harrison Hammock the husband of the discharged black woman, was subsequently caught, and with him the woman's brother, named Wyche. The latter confessed the deed and declared that he was hired to do it by Hammock. He gave the full details of the shooting.

The murderers were lodged in the jail at Lawreneville for trial, where they remained until Monday last, court day. At a late hour Treasury officials that this can be done without of that night, we are informed, the jail was forced by unknown persons-all disguised-and they were shot in their cells. They were left It is now thirty six days since the City of for dead, though on the following day both Boston sailed from Liverpool, and thirty-nine were still found to be alive. The murderer Wyche has since died, and the probability is that Hammock will die also. There is not the least suspicion, we hear, who the attacking parties were, nor is it even known whether they were white or colored. -Petersburg Index.

A REMINISCENCE. - About twenty five years ago a gentleman of New York came to Norfolk on business. He was an officer of the government, through whose hands passed enormous sums, for the proper disbursal of which he gave ample security. As large amounts were always in his hands, for which there was no imorediate correspondents of the northern papers, and employment, like many of the officials of the country, he considered that as the government could not lose, he had a right to use the money for his own benefit.

In conversation with the Navy Agent of this city he stated this fact, and asked him what he did with the money subject to his order. The answer was: "Sir, that money is not mine-it belongs to the government, and I never touch The former hardly comprehended the meaning of our fellow citizen.

Unfortunately for the country, there are but few men left like George Loyall. The days of those Old Romans have passed. We fear that this generation will never see such men again.

Norfolk Journal. O. & A. R. R .- We had a conversation with a gentleman this week who has just returnedfrom a trip to Fort Gaines, Georgia, starting opened it, whom we had insulted so grossly, we from Alexandria, and travelling over the O. & A. R. R. The distance is 1,000 miles, and seand saw Mort'or Bledsoe, which we understood | ven different roads are travelled. The Virginia to mean death or Bledsog. Anxious to see how & Tennessee, East Tennessee, Tennessee & we were to die, we uncovered the salver, and, Georgia, Atlanta, Macon & Western, South instead of pistols and coffee, found a refreshing. Western, and O. & A. R. R. He stated that ly cool beverage, surmounted with orange and he found the employees on all the roads polite LETTERS FROM RICHMOND.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. RICHMOND, March 5 .- The Committee on Roads of the Senate to-Jay reported, after several protracted sessions, that it was legal for the | begins to realize his true condition, and is will Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to pay for the Blue Ridge Tunnel and Railroad in State bonds, a conclusion that nearly everybody else who had examined the subject had arrived at father's fields, or seeking employment on some long before the committee came to its con-

The House joint resolution authorizing the Auditor of Public Accounts to receive the land script due Virginia under act of Congress-300,000 acres-was to day passed in the Senate. Mr. Latham, of Fauquier, introduced a res-

solution enquiring into the expediency of renealing the law allowing plaintiffs and defendants, in certain cases, to testify in their own The Conference Committee of the two houses

made a report on the bill regulating interwith the provisions of the bill made since the present constitution went into effect; authorizing any heensed banker or broker, or any corporation authorized to make loans, or to purchase or discount bonds, notes or other paper, to loan money, or discount any bill of exchange, prommissory notes or other negotiable paper, at a rate of one per ct. for thirty days, and to receive such interest in advance. The report was adopted in the Senate and House.

A bill creating the office of Librarian, and fixing the salary of said office at \$2,000 per annum, was reported from the House Committee on the Library. The House further considered the Home-

stead bill, discussing the various sections. Mr. Southall's amendment, allowing twelve months within which to accept of its provisions, was lost by a very decided majority. Alexandria has been selected as the next

place for the meeting of the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church. The Conference has adopted the following

preamble and resolutions unanimously: Whereas, the M. E. Church has, at sundry times, been displaced from her churches and real estate in Virginia; and whereas there are many places where the title to that property should be claimed at once, therefore

Resolved, That, whilst cultivating christian charity for all other denominations, we owe it to ourselves, our people and the principles we advocate, to make every legal and righteous ofort to recover our church property. 2. That the presiding elders, after conference

with each other, be directed to employ counsel to aid in securing our church property. 3. That we are profoundly grateful to the good people of Virginia for reaffirming by their votes on the revised constitution the rights of the respective churches and to their church property as conveyed to them, according to the form of law.

Messrs. Platt, Porter and some others of the Radical leaders are here attempting to effect the organization of a new Republican party on a "Liberal Basis." The public are not informed as to their proposed plans, nor has it transpired as yet whether any meeting has been It was stated on yesterday that they would favor the removal of disabilities, but the action of Congress on Friday has done away with any such kindness on their part.

day-snow on the ground to the depth of five committed during the past year." is published. | the windows delightful—but experience out of doers not so agreeable-good, prospectively, ter of Foreign Affairs, has sent a note to Rome, noor. Politically, this is a dies non-or ought to

RICHMOND, March 6 .-- A very wintry spring

be-but the little knots sitting or standing about in the halls and reception rooms of the hotels, for lack of a better subject, and not having been to church as they should, naturally get to discussing "the affairs of the coun try," and are quoting from the Constitution and Code instead of the Old and New Testaments.

The homestead exemption is the all absorbing topic, but the solution of the difficulty is what has not been arrived at, and judging from the debates in the House of Delegates. and the variety of opinions expressed, it will be some time before a conclusion is arrived at. and then, ten to one, the Courts will be called | ria. upon to settle the matter, for after all that has been said in praise of the Legislature, it is by no means an ascertained fact that they are equal to the task to be performed. A tody of returning to Madrid. In the Cortes Prim posi men, "fresh from the people" with no legislative experience, are upt to be more mindful of upon the dictates of their own judgment.— the head of the Government and added, there It is doubtful whether they will be able to was no reason why the arrival of Monpensier cope properly with all the great questions that are to be brought to their attention, and upon which they have to act. In one thing already ment. has there been a disappointment, and that is as to the lequacity of the members. It was thought that this would, at least, be a quiet, working session, but the desire to talk is as strong in this as in any former Legislatureespecially is this the case in the House, where the arrival of the hour for taking up the "order of the day" is the signal for speeches ce cupying the remainder of that day's session, thus puting the State to great expense besides exhausting the patience of the people and adding to the expenses of the Legislature .-A very short experience has satisfied many that "young heads" are not necessarily the wisest, and that "fresh" men are by no means the safest with whom to trust the destinies of the Old Commonwealth. Better would it have been had there been a greater sprinkling of 'grey heads.'

Business is much impeded from the idea that every question, however unimportant, must be 'sifted to the bottom," and it is quite amusing to see some who never before looked into a law book, searching the code and acts for precedents to enable them to vote upon a motion which any outside business man would determine in a moment.

Experience is said to be a dear master, and it is thought that the State may have to pay righ soundly for the teaching of some of her

Mr. Southail's retirement from the editorial control of the Enquirer is greatly regretted. -Both in and out of the sanctum he was deservedly popular, his urbanity and geniality endearing him to all with whom he was brought in contact. Mr. S. returns to Charlottesville. As yet nothing has come to light of the in-

entions of the Radical leaders, in reforming their party. Porter is here doing a good deal of talking to a few persons. He occasionally makes his appearance at the Capitol, but as ittle notice is taken of him, his stay is short. Himself and lew followers do not appear to be popular with the Radicals, and it is given out that in the new organization, should one be formed, that his wing will be "left out in the cold." The prospects for the re-organization are by no means bright or brightening.

There are a great many failroad men, and men connected with railroad schemes, here.

Letter from Hanover Co.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette] HANOVER, Va., March 4 .- The restoration of civil authority in Virginia and the propitious seasons, so far, have greatly inspirited our people, and already the waste places of our once desolate section are being reclaimed and renovated by the busy hand of the frugal farmer.

patches are being prepared, and if our people only had a little capital to begin with, joy and gladness would beam upon every face.

The colored man no longer deluded with idle dreams of fancied repose and glorious indolence, ing to work for "old master" or any body else, who will give him a moderate compensation. Our young men catching the inspiration of the hour are working with a will on their of the projected railroads. Enquiries for lands are almost daily received from the north, but the day of speculation has passed for our lati tude. Our people have become satisfied, that the original fertility of the North Anna lands though now wasted and worn, will enable them at a moderate outlay, to restore them to their pristine productiveness, which was equal to Virginia's best and most fertile plains. Thence they conclude, if fortunes are to be made from them, their present owners should enjoy them. So that only some three or four large farms of fine original quality can now be bought at from \$20 to 25 per acre. One farm, which would not have brought I suppose more than six dollars per acre before the war, was sold last week for fifteen dollars cash. Another which was offered three years ago for \$800, was sold a few days ago, for \$1500 cash. If nothing should occur to diminish the present spirit of enterprise, in five years from this date, the lands in the forks of Hanover, will readily command fitty dollars per acre.

Our people have no disposition to form any new party alliances-they see nothing but havoe to result from any movement to that end-hence they desire to mantain intact, the old Conservative organization, which has so far effected more for their regeneration and disenthralment than any mere political party organization could ever have accomplished. Most of our house keepers sceured their

complement of ice during the recent moderate freeze. It is now at 10 o'clock a. m. snowing. HANOVER.

Foreign News.

Mr. Gladstone has received a deputation of the Irish people on the subject of the Land bill now before Parliament, and, in response to their address, promised overy necessary modifieation in the details of that bill.

A project is on foot for lying a new trans Atlantic cable, which is to be smaller and lighter than those heretofore used. It is estimated the cost of the cable will not exceed £250,000. A scheme for connecting England with all her colonies by telegraph is talked of.

The Paris Journal publishes a decree granting permission of the Government to lay a second cable from the shores of France to Algeria. This is accepted as establishing the fact that all monopolies in ocean cables are abolished. Seven members of the editorial staff of the

Paris Reforme newspaper have been convicted of violations of the Press law, and received sen tence of from one to four months' imprisoment. The total amount of fines imposed is 10,000 francs. Bazire, one of the writers for the Marseillaise

who, on seeing the Emperor one day, shouted 'Vive la Republique' has been condemned to imprisoment for three months and fined 500 Great uneasiness is manifested by the friends

of the University of France on account of cer tain clerical projects. An extraordinary com mittee has been consituted, with Guizot as chairman, to guard the interest of the Univer

It is asserted that Count Darn, French Minisseriously compromising the interests of Catholic religion, and intimating that if the dogma of intallibility is proclaimed France may be constrained to withdraw her treops from Roman territory.

In the Spanish Cortes a proposition was made for a vote of displeasure because the Bishop of Osna was trought into the Chamber in custody of the civil guards. The matter was summarily rejected by a vote of 132 against 9. Important changes have been made in the admin istration of the Affairs of the Spanish Provinces. No less than thirty Governors have either been removed or transferred. The Carlists are very active and determined. Scenes of violence and bloodshed have occurred at Arragon and Sega-

Official denial is given to a despatch which appeared in Paris journals stating that Duke de Montpensier was received with ovations on tively asserted that a coup de'tat was intended in favor of the Duke. He declared the Cortes the opinions of their constituents than to rely alone had the right to decide who should be the head of the Government and added, there should create sensation. Elections to the Cortes have so far resulted in favor of the Govern-

Despatches from Rome say the Cardinal's hat; has been promised the Primate of Poland. It is asserted the sessions of the Council will besuspended during May, June and July.

The Turkish Government has abolished the collection of tolls from vessels passing through the Bosphorus. Merchantmen are no longer subjected to delay or visitation.

The new postal treaty between Belgium and the United States, which reduces ocean postage one half the present rates, has been ratified by the former Government.

COMMERCIAL. Alexandria Market, March 7, 1870.

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REMARKS. - The market opens quietly. Flour is firm, and quotations remain as noted in last report. Wheat firm; sales or white at 128, with and satisfaction warranted. be considered with orange and mint, which a friend present, after tastlag, pronounced, "neetar." Being innocently ignorant we inquired of the bearer "what is it?" With a knowledge far ahead of his years and with pompous dignity he replied: "Wy defust mint julip oh de season, wid de compliments of misser Bledsoe, ob de Merriken Hoel." - Staunton Vindicator.

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RAILROAD LINES. ORANGE, ALEXANDRIA AND MAN-

ASSAS RAILROAD. daily passenger train will run between WASH-INGTON and LYNCHBURG, connecting at

On and after Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1870, one Gordonsville, with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to Richmond, Covington and the Vir-gin's Springs; at Lynchburg for the West and Southwest, and at Washington, to the North and Northwest.

Leave Washington daily at 6:55 a. m., and Alexandria as 8:00 a. m., arriving at Lynchburg at 5:05 p. m. Leave Lynchburg at 8:25 a.m., arrive at Alexandria at 5:25 p. m., and at Washington

st 6:15 p. m. Also daily, including Sunday, a passenger train through without change of cars-sleeping car attached-between WASHINGTON and RICHMOND—making close connections at Richmond and Washington in the direct line between New York and the South Atlantic States.

Leave Washington at 6:35 p. m., and Alexandria at 7:25 p. m.; arrive at Gordonsville at 11:40 p. m., and at Richmond at 3:20 a. m., connecting with train leaving Richmond at 3:50 a. m for Petersburg, Weldon and the Southwest. Leave Richmond at 8:30 p. m., and Gordons ville at 12:45 a. m.; arrive at Alexandria at 5:05 a m., and at Washington at 5:55 a m., connecting with earliest trains to New York and Northwest. Passengers for MANASSAS BRANCIL will

eave Alexandria daily, excepting Sunday, at 8:00 a. m., arrive at Harrisonburg at 4:20 p. m. Leave Harrisonburg at 9:10 a.m., and connecting at Manassas Junction with northernbound train on main line, arrive at Alexandria at 5:25 p. m. The train on Manassas Branch will make good connections at the Junction with night ine to and from Richmond.

Through tickets and baggage checked to al prominent points.

J. M. BROADUS, General Ticket Agent. WASHINGTON, ALEXANDRIA GEORGETOWN R. R.

NEW TIME TABLE-NIGHT TRAIN FOR RICHMOND.
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PAS-SENGER TRAINS CHANGED.

DAY TRAIN FOR LYNCHBURG.

On and after MONDAY, February 7th, 1876. and until further notice, through and local passenger trains will run between Washington

and Alexandria, as follows: Through Day Trains, Sundays included-Leave Washington, Southward bound, Mary land Avenue Depot, at 7:10 a. m. Leave Alex andria, Northward bound, corner Duke and

Honey streets, at 6:35 p. m. Through Night Trains, leave Washington, Southward bound, Maryland Avenue Depot, at 6:50 p. m. Leave Alexandria, Northward bound, corner Dake and Henry streets, at 4:50 a. m.

LOCAL PASSENGER TRAINS between Washington and Alexandria (Sundays excepted) Leave Washington, Maryland avenue Depot Lieave Washington, Maryland avenue Depot. at 7:15, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a. m., and 1, 2, 4 and 6:10 p. m., and (Sundays included) at 7:20 p. m. Leave Alexandria, corner St. Asaph and King streets at 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a. m., and 1, 2, 3 and 5p. m., and corner Duke and Henry etc. st 4 p. m.

O. A. STEVENS, Gen. Supt. W. J. PHELPS, Gen. Manager. NORIA, LOUDOUN & HAMP-SHIRE RAILROAD.

On and after December 25th, 1869, the trains on this road will be run as follows: The mail train will leave Alexandria daily, except Sunday, at 8:30 a. m; arrive at Lees burg at 11:10 a. m., and Hamilton at 11:40 a. m Leave Hamilton at 12:20 p. m., and Leesburg at 12:50 p. m.; arrive at Alexandria at 2:30 p. m. The accommodation train will leave Alexan dris daily except Sunday, at 4 p.m., and arrive at Lee-burg at 6:30 p. m. Leave Leesburg at 7:15 a.m., and arrive at Alexandria at 9:45 a.m. The 8:30 a.m. train from Alexandria and 12:20

p. m. train from Hamilton, connect at Hamilton with Kemp's Daily Line of Coaches for Pur-cellville, Snickersville, Berryville and Win-chester; also, with Beamer's Line of Coaches, which leave Leesburg daily for Ball's Mill. Aldie and Middleburg. THE RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG

AND POTOMAC ROUTE. The Old Pavorite Mail Route via Aquia Creek. The Shortest and Best Route to Rich

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